

Honorable Councilmember Nestor R. Garcia  
Budget Committee Chair & Budget Committee Members

RE: Bill 16, CD1 – relating to Executive Capital Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010  
**IN STRONG OPPOSITION** to Item No. 2007005-High Capacity Rapid Transit (RAIL TRANSIT)  
& Item No. 2009035 – Design & Construction of the Honolulu Zoo Parking Spaces.

Good Morning Chair Garcia and Member of the Budget Committee:

I am Daisy Murai, a resident of Kapahulu living near the Honolulu Zoo and Waikiki Shell as well as the Kapiolani Band Stand. I notice that item No. 2007005 has set aside \$ 800,000 to design & construct major changes to the Honolulu Zoo Parking lot and another \$ 330,000 for graphic signs of animals for the Zoo. The signage for the Zoo with animals makes sense, but the Zoo Parking lot has many questionable features. How much of the funds will be used to completely alter the Honolulu Zoo's main entrance into something not in the Hawaiian place of sense architecture? If the parking meters do not supply enough funds for the City, why not place metered parking in the Waikiki Band Stand/Shell parking structure? The cost of increasing the parking meters along the Kapiolani Park near the Beaches by 150% (Bill 25, CD1) alone will not be enough for the City. The concept of a Zoo is the animals housed within the complex, NOT the create outside features, is the reason the general public attend the Honolulu Zoo.

Item No. 2007005 relating to a \$ 1,077,323,000 (over \$ 1 BILLION) for the High Capacity Rapid Transit of the Elevated RAIL TRANSIT System needed for the coming fiscal year, clearly shows that the City is very much behind in collecting fund to get the RAIL TRANSIT started December 2009. The City requests just \$ 31,000,000 (\$31 Million) for land purchases is very low. The infrastructure and Highway/roadway improvements are clearly lacking with this item, since these needs much improvements before the elevated fixed guidedway and Transit Oriented Developments are to be constructed. Bill 18, to use the profits by selling General Obligation Bonds to fund the Transit Improvements alone will not be enough for the RAIL TRANSIT. There will be other essential City Agencies and programs that will suffer.

There is also a concern that lately, the city needs to CONTROL Neighborhood Boards, such as demonstrated by the agenda of Kaimuki's May 20, 2009's agenda. The State Legislatures, even though they work on programs and funding with the City, will be placed at the very end of the meeting. Sometimes, the board adjourns before all agenda items are to be heard. It seems to me that the less public involvement to the City & State elected Officials, the better for a Government Agency to control the general public. There is another concern of who ever become elected Governor in 2010 will be in full control of the funding to the different agencies and programs. Currently, Congressman Abercrombie, who has openly announced his support for "RAIL TRANSIT in OAHU" and has support from President Obama, has declared he is running for Governor.

These are why I **STRONGLY OPPOSE** these items and Bills 16, CD1 and Bill 25, CD1.

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